

Superintendent's Week In Review Vol. 1 Issue 04: Sept. 27, 2024



Superintendent, Aníbal Soler, Jr.

IN THIS ISSUE

Message from the Superintendent	1-2
District Digest	3-5
Resources & Community Corner	6
Superintendent Soler's Week in Revie	ew -
Photos	7-8
YPS Student Artwork	9

Message from Superintendent Soler

Dear Yonkers Public Schools Community,

What an incredible week for Yonkers Public Schools! I'm thrilled to share that we officially cut the ribbon on the brand-new Robert Halmi Sr. Academy for Film and Television – a groundbreaking moment for our district and our students. This Academy is more than just a school – it's a launchpad for opportunities that many of our students never dreamed possible.



Superintendent Soler Photographed with Actress Patina Miller, Who Plays Raquel Thomas in the series Raising Kanan

It was an honor to be joined by Mayor Mike Spano, Robert Halmi Jr. of Great Point Studios, and even some special guests from the cast of Raising Kanan to mark this special occasion.

Later this week, I had the pleasure of meeting with Westchester Community College's President, Dr. Belinda Miles. We had a fantastic discussion about how to further strengthen our partnership with Westchester Community College, which is vital to providing our students with pathways to higher education. Our collaboration will continue to open doors for Yonkers students, helping them achieve their academic and career goals.

I also had the opportunity to tour the Hudson River Museum with its Director and CEO, Masha Turchinsky. The museum is an incredible resource, and the planetarium, in particular, was my personal favorite! We explored ways to integrate our students into their programs and deepen the partnership between Yonkers Public Schools and the museum, which I know will lead to amazing learning experiences for our students.

Another highlight of the week was attending a Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) Gala. I want to extend a special thank you to Samuel Wallis, YPIE's Executive Director, for his continued leadership and dedication.



Superintendent's Week In Review Vol. 1 Issue 04: Sept. 27, 2024

Message from Superintendent Soler (Continued)

YPIE has been an amazing partner in supporting our students, and I'm excited to see what we'll accomplish together.

I capped off my week with participating in the Community Planning Council of Yonkers roundtable discussion, hosted by Groundwork Hudson Valley at the Riverfront Library. This is an incredible group working to ensure equitable access to essential services for all.

This week truly reflected the "Yonkers Magic" in action! I'm proud of everything we've accomplished just over three weeks into the school year!

Together, we are creating something truly magical for our students and our community.



Ms. Jennifer Vizcaino's 4th Grade Class, Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy

Aníbal Soler, Jr.

Superintendent of Schools



Get a front-row seat to what Superintendent Soler has been up to this week as he connects with the Yonkers Public Schools community. From his key moments to exciting activities across our schools, it's all right here!

Lights, Camera, Yonkers



A Star-Studded Ribbon-Cutting for Robert Halmi Sr. Academy

We rolled out the red carpet this week as the brand-new Robert Halmi Sr. Academy for Film & Television officially opened its doors! With Mayor Mike Spano, Robert Halmi Jr., and surprise guests from Raising Kanan, this school is ready to put Yonkers on the map as the next big film hub. Our students are stepping into the spotlight!



Strengthening Partnerships YPS x SUNY WCC

Superintendent Soler met with Westchester Community College President Dr. Belinda Miles to discuss exciting new opportunities for Yonkers students. By strengthening this partnership we are opening doors to higher education and career pathways that will lead our students to success.

A Tour of HRM



A Stellar Visit to the Hudson River Museum

Superintendent Soler took a tour of the Hudson River Museum this week with Director & CEO Masha Turchinsky. They explored exciting ways to connect our students with the museum's offerings, including a spectacular artwork and a planetarium experience!



Forging New Paths in Leadership!

Superintendent Addresses Principals at the University of Mount St. Vincent – Elizabeth Seton College

This week, Superintendent Soler met with principals at the University of Mount St. Vincent – Elizabeth Seton College. In this session, we discussed our continued partnership and how we're shaping the future of leadership and education together.



YPIE's Annual Gala

Superintendent Attends YPIE Annual Gala

Superintendent Soler attended a special event hosted by Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE). Thanks to the great work of Executive Director Samuel Wallace and his team, YPIE continues to be a gamechanger in helping our students reach their full potential. The future is bright, and the journey has just begun!

DISTRICT

Digest



Building Equity, One Step at a Time!

Superintendent Speaks at Yonkers Planning Council Meeting

Superintendent Soler participated in an important discussion at the Yonkers Planning

Council event, hosted by Groundwork Hudson Valley. Focused on equity and access for all, the conversation highlighted the incredible work being done to support Yonkers families

Kicking Off a New Year of Brotherhood!

Yonkers MBK Chapter Hosts First Meeting of the Year

Today marked the first My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Chapter meeting of the 2024-2025 school year! Teachers and administrators from across the district gathered to celebrate MBK milestones and discuss goals for the upcoming year, as well as plan future events. We're excited to see what's next! Learn more about MBK at www.yonkerspublicschools.org/mbk.





Jody Redman (co-founder of Inside Out Initiative), Rob Webb (former Yonkers AD Putnam Valley AD currently), Joe Ehrmann (co-founder of Inside Out Initiative), Carl Banks (former 2x Giants Superbowl champ), Joe Gizzo (me Lincoln/Obama AD), Ethan Medley (Director Community Relations Youth Football Giants, Todd Santabarbara (Executive Director of Section 1)

Touchdown for Yonkers Football!

\$5,000 Awarded to Yonkers Brave/Force by NY Giants InsideOut Initiative

Big win for Yonkers football! The Yonkers Brave and Force teams were awarded \$5,000 from the NY Giants InsideOut Initiative. This generous donation will help provide new equipment and gear for our teams, ensuring they're ready for the rest of the season.

Congratulations to our student-athletes and coaches!

Community Corner



STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026

Ready to register? Here's what you'll need:

- Proof of Birth (e.g., birth certificate)
- Proof of Legal Guardianship (e.g., photo ID of guardian)
- Three Proofs of Yonkers Residency (within the last 30 days, e.g., mortgage, lease, homeowner's statement)
- School Records (e.g., report card, unofficial transcript for high school)

For more information and to register, visit:

Registration Opened Earlier for the 2025-2026 School Year!

Start the Process Now

By getting the process started now, you'll have plenty of time to gather the necessary documents and ensure your child is all set for the upcoming school year.

For more information, visit: <u>www.yonkerspublicschools.org/register</u>

Yonkers Force Secure Superintendent's Cup with 26-19 Win Over the Brave



Congratulations to the Yonkers Force football for winning this year's Superintendent cup!

It was a great game played by both teams. We have a lot to be proud of and the future looks bright!

Stay connected with Yonkers Public Schools! Follow us for the latest news, events, and school highlights. Be part of the #YonkersMagic! (1) (a) (b) yonkerspublicschools (b) (a) yonkerspublicschools (c) (a) yonkerspublicschools (d) (a) yonkerspublicschools

District

Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



District

Superintendent Soler's Week in Review Photos



YPS STUDENT ARTWORK

